

**BLACK OTTER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE**  
Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America



# District News

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**Office Hours:**  
Monday through  
Friday:  
9:00 to 5:30

**Unit Mailboxes:**  
Each unit has a mailbox at the office. This is where details of upcoming events can be obtained. Please make sure that someone from your unit is responsible for picking up, and distributing to the unit, the information provided.

**Trading Post:**  
Reserve neckerchiefs and handbooks now for your Crossover activities! Party supplies are still available. We can help outfit your scout for any outdoor activity your unit has planned. Stop in and browse or we can order items for you from the BSA catalog.

### March 2008

4<sup>th</sup> – Roundtable  
15<sup>th</sup> – Scout Show  
25<sup>th</sup> – District Committee Mtg  
29<sup>th</sup> – BS Leader Indoor Training

### April 2008

1<sup>st</sup> – Roundtable  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Boy Scout Recruitment Training  
17<sup>th</sup> – District Award of Merit Nominations Due  
18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> BS Leader Outdoor Training  
19<sup>th</sup> – BALOO  
22<sup>nd</sup> – District Committee Meeting

**Scout Show 2008:** The Scout Show Committee needs help setting up at the Shrine Auditorium on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The booths and activity areas need to be set up prior to the show on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Set up will begin at 3:30 pm. Contact Jim Althoff at 652-1347 for more details.

**District Award of Merit:** Do you know a Scouter who goes “above and beyond” for Scouting? The time to recognize them is upon us. The District is accepting nominations for the District Award of Merit up until April 17, 2008. The nomination forms, as well as instructions, are available under FORMS on the district web site.

**Day Camp News:** Get your potential Tigers to Cub Scout Day Camp. There will be a special session for them a Day Camp on Wednesday afternoon, at no cost, but they must sign up before Day Camp. For additional information, contact **Shon Ostler** at **671-5670**.

**Wood Badge 2008:** Coming this year in two course selections, both spring and fall weekend courses. This is an excellent opportunity to receive leadership training that will not only benefit your scouting career but your personal life as well. Invitations may be downloaded from the council web site. Choose your course and sign up today!

### **District Committee: David Lauwers, Chairman**

The District Committee meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the First English Lutheran Church at 7:00pm. The committee is looking for interested persons to come out and have a say in how the district is run. Everyone is welcome, and, bring your ideas! Contact Dave at 245-8279 for more information.

### **District Commissioner, Kellie Gardner**

Kellie is looking for a few good men, and women, to serve as Unit Commissioners. A unit commissioner assists the unit leadership in any way they are needed. This position offers you the opportunity to meet the great people in the District who make our program so successful at the unit level. You will provide whatever support is necessary to the unit to help them achieve a successful year in Scouting, The Commissioners meeting is held monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 pm (just before the District Committee meeting). Contact Kellie at 245-2665 for more information.

### **District Executive, Don Bean**

There are many thanks to be given to all of the volunteers who have assisted in district activities the past month. Thanks to **Steve Bernbaum** and all who assisted in the College of Commissioner Science, **Ron Rager** for serving as the Scouting for Food Chairman and to all of those who collected food for the drive, to **Kathi Schweigert** and the fabulous training

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team for all of their training efforts in February and March and to all of the units who have had Family FOS presentations for letting us come to the unit meetings and receiving the presenters with Scouting Spirit and generosity. There are still more presentations to come and we look forward to finishing our excellent 2008 campaign by the end of April. We already have more donors than we had last year in the Family Division.



### Pack News



#### **Cub Scout Roundtable:**

Roundtable Commissioner: **Jim Larson**

Assistant Commissioner: **Mike Walz (259-9762)**

**Thanks** to all of the Cub Scout Leaders who attended the Basic Leader Training held in February and March. Every scout deserves a well trained leader! The following leaders successfully completed the training: Gregg Baewer, Carol Reimann, Crystal Sublette, Tim Arrowood, Deb Dalke, Laurie Eckroth, Michelle Croft, Felicia Smith, Shelli Butz, Kert Christensen, Grady Trombley, Jim Zimmer, Kee Ostler, Genelle Sears, and Dana Wittorff.



### Troop and Crew News



#### **Boy Scout Roundtable:**

Roundtable Commissioner: **Craig Haynes (252-7368)**

Assistant Commissioner: **Dodie Rife (256-1826)**

#### **Roundtable Monthly Topics:**

March	Jamboree
April	Spring Camporee

**BS Adult Leader Indoor Training:** March 29th at First English Lutheran starting at 8am and finishing about 5pm. Topics: the role of the scoutmaster, troop organization, the troop committee, troop meetings, advancement, planning for the year, membership, paperwork, and finances. Lunch and materials are included in the \$7 fee. Register by March 27<sup>th</sup> with Armand (245-4560) or at the Scout Office.

**BS Adult Leader Outdoor Training:** April 18th and 19th. Subjects include: campsite selection, rope work, wood tools, fire site preparation and building, stoves, cooking, first aid, plant and animal identification, packing and hiking techniques, map and compass, and leave no trace. Register by April 16<sup>th</sup> with Armand (245-4560) or at the Scout Office.

**Summer Camping Opportunities:** Summer Camping Opportunity - Pompeys Pillar during Clark Days 2008 - Free entry after 5pm Saturday (7/26) and all day Sunday (7/27). Scouting units need to meet BSA adult/youth requirements and have tour permits. We have been invited by the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association to participate; it is not a BSA event. Activities include a nature walk, "campfire" speakers on Sat. evening, historical displays and speakers all day Sunday. For additional information contact Susan Lubbers at [rslubbers@mcn.net](mailto:rslubbers@mcn.net).